

MONIQUE A. CARTER: BIOGRAPHY

Education: Ms. Monique Carter grew up in the Midwest and attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She received her undergraduate degree in Political Science with a double minor in English and International Relations. She was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and received high distinction. Monique moved to Southern California to attend the University of San Diego School of Law.

Professional Experience: Ms. Carter began her legal career at the San Diego Public Defender's Office. It was here where she began her career as a trial attorney. First doing misdemeanor trials, Ms. Carter soon graduated into a blended practice of misdemeanors and felonies when she was transferred to the Juvenile Delinquency branch of the Public Defender's Office. After two years of working with juveniles, Ms. Carter started conducting adult felony trials solely. She has represented defendants charged with homicide, kidnapping, mayhem and more. Some of the more challenging trials Ms. Carter has conducted was a shaken baby case with multiple experts, a police-involved shooting case with ballistics experts, multi-victim rape and child molest case and other trials with mental health defenses.

Ms. Carter was doing felonies for seven years before she was transferred to her current position. Currently Ms. Carter is in charge of supervising and training all new misdemeanor attorneys who enter the office and recruiting new talent to the office.

Teaching Experience: Ms. Carter started teaching for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA) in 2007. After 2007, NITA nominated Ms. Carter as a Rising Star after she attended their Teacher's Training. Since then, Ms. Carter has taught in Washington D.C. and serves as NITA's Assistant Team Leader in both San Diego and San Francisco's weeklong trial academies.

For the past four years, Ms. Carter has been an adjunct professor at the University of San Diego School of Law teaching trials skills to law students. In addition to teaching at the law school, she served as an adjunct professor at San Diego State University teaching Judicial Processes.